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**Super Clash.** The Patriots look to add to their decade and a half of dominance as Tom Brady starts in his sixth Super Bowl, while the Seahawks look to start a dynasty of their own with a second-straight title. PAGES 16-17



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# Bratton to start roving NYPD anti-terror unit

**Crime.** The 350-member unit will be heavily armed, carry iPads.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton said Thursday a new unit of 350 police officers will respond to terror threats — and protesters.

"It is designed for dealing with events like our recent protests, or incidents like Mumbai and what just happened in Paris," said Bratton, speaking at a police foundation breakfast on Thursday.

Called the "Strategic Response Group," the officers will wear heavy protective gear and carry long rifles or machine

guns, as well as tablets and other technology to keep them connected to quickly changing circumstances.

"They will be specially trained for it," Bratton said. "The officers will have the dedicated mission of protecting locations, being able to assist us in dealing with demonstrations."

Bratton is also increasing the number of police

### Quoted

"Their vehicles will be specially equipped with long guns and all the various heavy tactical gear, riot gear." Bratton

officers patrolling local precincts to beef up community policing, and plans to pull officers off of specialty beats.

"They never have a chance to really have time to build relationships, to work on the problems in these distressed neighborhoods," Bratton said, according to Capital New York.

"They're indentured to the radio, running from call to call, in a department that does not have enough police officers often times, and not enough cars out there to handle all the calls as they continue to come in," he said.

"For years we've been asking our officers to engage in the community, but we've never given them time to do it, or the



A member of the NYPD's special Hercules Unit talks to a pedestrian in Midtown. / GETTY IMAGES

training," Bratton said.

The program will start in two precincts in Manhattan and Queens, Bratton said.

An increase in community policing has been a key demand of protesters in the Eric Garner and Black Lives Matter

protests.

All NYPD officers will also receive two days of firearms training and three days of skills training, Bratton said.

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## ADA 'Taxi of Tomorrow'?

New Yorkers got their first view of a wheelchair accessible taxi, that could be the future model for city cabs that carry people with disabilities. Starting April 20, about 80 percent of taxi operators will be required to begin buying the Nissan NV200, the "Taxi of Tomorrow" selected under Mayor Mike Bloomberg. Taxi drivers with wheelchair medallions are exempt from purchasing the Nissan car, according to The New York Times, and a judge previously ruled the car didn't meet ADA compliance. The MV-1, which runs on compressed natural gas, is assembled by AM General in Mishawaka, Indiana.

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## A bad rap. Bronx Defenders knew of cop-killer lyrics in song

Lawyers from the Bronx Defenders knew there were cop-killing lyrics involved before they agreed to appear in an Eric Garner tribute called "Hands Up."

A Department of Investigation probe released Thursday found two attorneys, Kumar Rao and Ryan Napoli, knew about the violent lyrics when they agreed to par-

ticipate in the video with rappers Uncle Murda, Maino and Jay Watts.

The investigation also found Executive Director Robin Steinberg didn't review the song's lyrics, failed to discipline her staff after the video was posted and made "misleading statements" to investigators.

The music video, released on YouTube

and other sites on Dec. 3, depicts the killing of a white police officer by two black men. Lyrics include "for Mike Brown and Sean Bell, a cop got to get killed" and "time to start killing these cops."

PBA President Pat Lynch called for the city to shut down Bronx Defenders and disbar the lawyers involved. **METRO**

### Brooklyn

## Maintenance work suspends L service late nights and weekends

L train service from Brooklyn to Manhattan will be suspended on late nights and weekends starting in March, the New York Post reported.

The L will only run between Canarsie

and Lorimer from midnight to 5 a.m. on weekends from April 11 to May 18 for maintenance work.

The L won't run from Brooklyn to Manhattan from midnight to 5 a.m. daily from March 24 to May 22, but will run on the weekends before April 11.

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## Schools. Charter kids stay put for longer

Charter school students are more likely to stay in school than their counterparts at public schools, New York City's Independent Budget Office reports.

Charter schools also did a better job of retaining special needs students than public schools, with 64 percent of charter school students in the same school after four years, versus 56 percent of public school students. Special needs students stayed in charter schools at a 53 percent rate, compared to 49 percent in

public schools.

"The IBO confirms what I've always known: Our student retention rates are better than the city's," said Success Academy CEO Eva Moskowitz, who operates 32 charter schools.

The United Federation of Teachers released a report Thursday that found charter schools have fewer students who live in temporary housing, have special needs, or are learning English, the AP reported.

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### Queens

## Boston drifter convicted of Queens murder

Raymond Epps, 58, is set to be sentenced in March after his conviction Thursday of strangling a

Queens man who gave him a place to stay in October 2011.

Epps met Wayne Graves at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and the Woodside man agreed to give him a place to stay. **METRO**

# Sweating in Albany: More heads may roll

## Cuomo's worry.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara's anti-graft drive has the state's powerful quaking.

It was a bad week by many accounts for Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and not just because of the heat he's taking for freezing Mayor Bill de Blasio out of the decision to shut down the city's transit system for the blizzard that bypassed the boroughs.

No, the real bad news were the two words uttered by U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara after he nuked Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Lower East Side) on Jan. 22 in a \$4 million bribery and kickback scheme: "Stay



Gov. Cuomo and first girlfriend Sandra Lee / GETTY IMAGES

Tuned."

The implication: More heads will roll.

Cuomo is "on edge" because of the shadow Bharara's cast over Albany, and is "freaked out

and furious," and "obsessed with fear," wrote the New York Post's Fred Dicker.

"I think all of Albany is worried," Business Insider political reporter

Colin Campbell told Metro.

"Silver has been one of the most stable things about Albany politics for decades, so the power vacuum definitely has the potential to shake things up in an unpredictable fashion."

Bharara has openly criticized Cuomo's decision to disband the Moreland Commission, a panel established to investigate what the Post's Michael Goodwin calls "Albany's rotten pay-to-play culture."

PJ Tatler political blogger Michael Walsh may have caught best what Cuomo's week has been like with this headline: "The Tick-Tock Begins for Andrew Cuomo."

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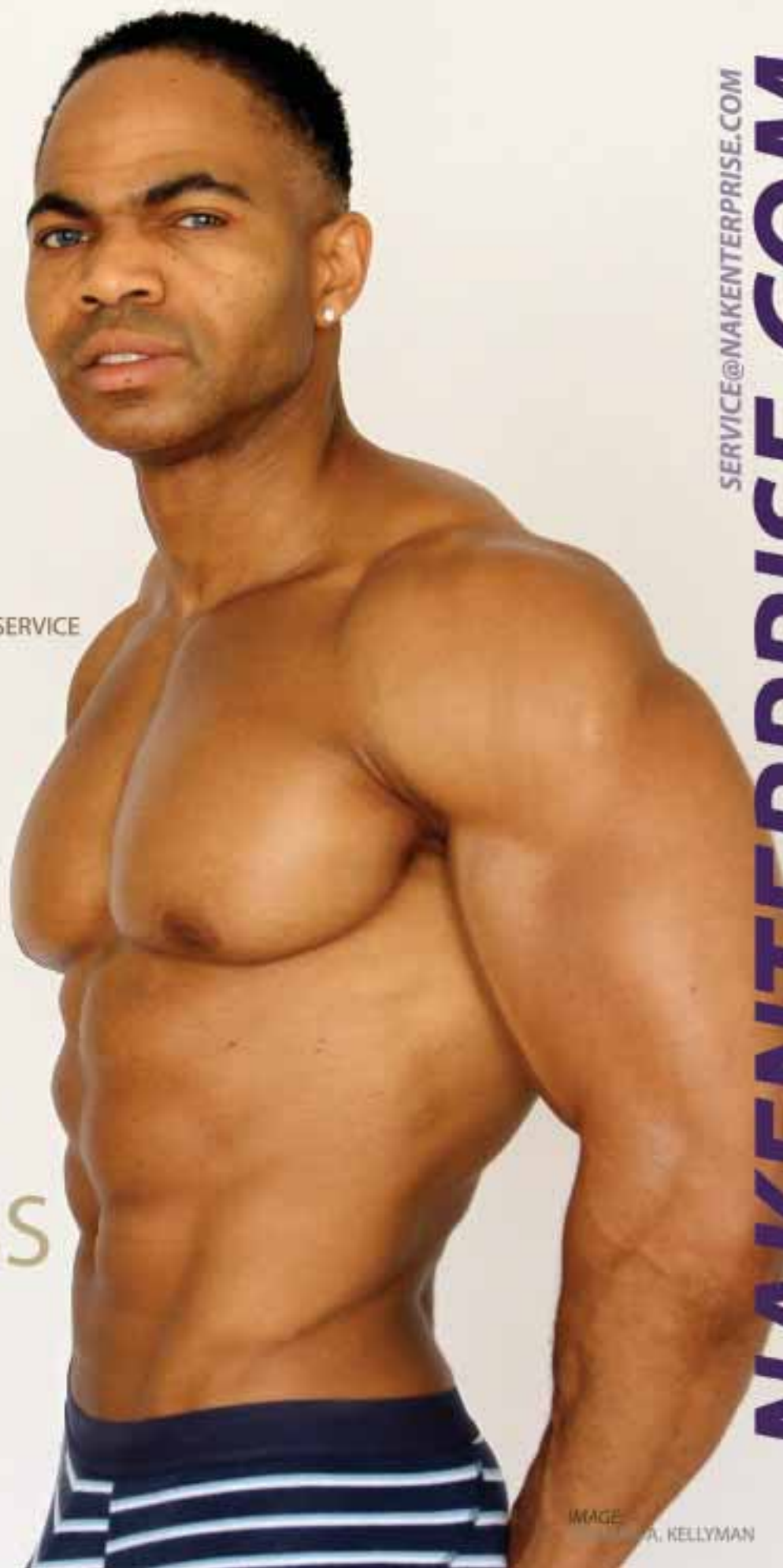
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## De Blasio battles ambulance chasers

### Fighting back.

Mayor declares city won't surrender to nuisance suits as police boss fumes.



Bratton seething / GETTY IMAGES

### By the numbers

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Claims filed against NYPD in 2013

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Settlements paid by city

Mayor Bill de Blasio wants to take frivolous lawsuits to trial instead of settling them as city attorneys did earlier this week with a man accused of threatening cops with a machete.

Ruhim Ullah, 24, sued the city for \$3 million after a cop shot him in the leg in 2010 while wielding the blade. Ullah pleaded guilty to the incident, yet the New York Post reported Thursday that city attorneys agreed to a \$5,000 payout.

Late Thursday, the mayor's office released portions of a transcript from an unrelated interview on Thursday in which

de Blasio also took the settlement to task.

"What happened here was wrong. It shouldn't have happened. It's a broken policy that we are fixing right now," the

mayor said.

"What we've been talking about, actually for months, was giving the Law Department more lawyers so they could go right back at these ambulance chasers and say, we're going to trial," de Blasio added. "You can't threaten us."

The Law Department did not respond to Metro's request for comment.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton fumed to reporters about the settlement early Thursday before sitting down with the mayor privately.

"Our cops work very hard trying to keep this city safe, and if they're not going to be backed up by the city law office, we need to do something about that," said Bratton, who planned to meet with de Blasio to discuss the report.



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## Etan Patz trial starts amid uncertainty

**Missing child.** The trial will decide if the man who confessed to the 1979 murder is really the culprit.

Opening arguments are set to start Friday in a 35-year-old case involving the disappearance and alleged murder of 6-year-old Etan Patz.

Pedro Hernandez, 53, is on trial for the kidnapping and murder of Patz, who disappeared on May 25, 1979, while walking from his SoHo home to the bus stop. His body was never found, and he was declared legally dead in 2001.

Hernandez, who was a teenage stock clerk at the time Patz disappeared, confessed to luring Patz to the basement of the deli where he worked, then choking him and dumping the boy — still alive — in a



A street shrine to Etan Patz, who disappeared 33 years ago / GETTY IMAGES

box on the curb.

Defense lawyers maintain Hernandez is mentally ill with a low IQ and prone to hallucinations, that the confession was coerced, and a Pennsylvania man convicted of molesting children is the real killer.

Hernandez later told a psychologist he remembers the killing as if it were a dream and questioned if it really happened.

Seven men and five women were selected as jurors from a pool of 700,

the AP reported.

The trial could last up to three months, and expected witnesses include Patz's mother, a jailhouse informant and psychologists.

Patz was the first missing child to have his picture appear on a milk carton. The anniversary of his disappearance has been designated Missing Children's Day.



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# Snow happy

## Winter blues.

Snowstorm Juno was your chance to break the cycle — did you miss it?

The grind of winter can wear down even the most cheerful person. The cold has us reaching for comfort foods that actually leave us feeling worse, and it seems like whatever time of day we step outside, it's dark and feels too late to do anything.

"We look at winter in a way that is different than the other seasons," says Dr. Freida Birnbaum, a New Jersey-based psychologist.

"We tend to go into ourselves, we tend to eat foods that really do affect our moods — carbs — and socializing less as well. None of these have to happen."

The dip in the body's

level of the feel-good hormone serotonin happens as naturally and inevitably as fall. But that doesn't mean your mood has to follow.

"The problem here is people feel they have to have some kind of fix, medication, therapy — not the case," says Birnbaum.

Given all that, it may

### Think yourself warm

## Get over the cold

Try this trick: Before going outside, close your eyes and imagine yourself on a beach in Florida. "If you think of yourself being in a warmer climate, that helps to warm you up," says Birnbaum. "What seems to be the wrong thing to do (going out) really feels much better in the long run."

have been hard to see that Snowstorm Juno's mildness was a great chance to jolt yourself out of your winter rut. Here's how not to let the cold or another excuse keep you from enjoying your next not-so-snowy snow day.

## Do a gut check

Would you have stayed cooped up in your apartment if you'd gotten an unexpected day off in, say, May? Probably not, so why not do what you would've done then? "It's a wonderful chance to really trust your judgement and know that what doesn't work is giving yourself a message that to be inside, to isolate yourself is good for you," says Birnbaum.

## Bad weather is an opportunity

It's hard to think of



It's just not possible to be unhappy while playing in the snow. / ISTOCK

the world beyond the routines we set ourselves, but do it anyway. Find out what happens outside your office on a Tuesday. Take a different exercise class. Change the path of your usual walk to the train — maybe you'll find a new favorite spot, and the exploration will get you used to seeing novelty in a place you don't expect.

### Get outside

## Snow is therapeutic

Your body will love the additional sunlight reflecting off the snow, and after months of early darkness and gray skies it's refreshing to see the world suddenly gilded

and shining. "Snow brightens up the environment around you and can really be beautiful — if you can look at it that way," says Birnbaum.



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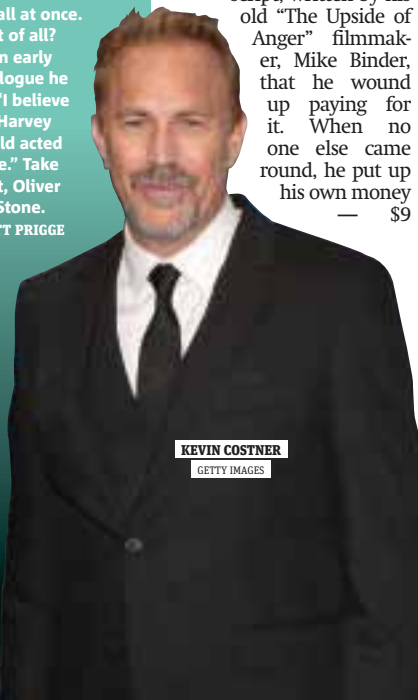
Funny guy

### His greatest role

Let's make a bold claim: Costner's finest turn is in "Bull Durham." Apart from being the greatest sports movie ever made, it allows him to be funny, charming and kind of a jerk, all at once.

Best of all? In an early monologue he says, "I believe Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone." Take that, Oliver Stone.

— MATT PRIGGE



KEVIN COSTNER  
GETTY IMAGES

# Kevin Costner does it himself

**Interview.** No one would pay for the race drama "Black or White." So Costner put up the money — all of it.

Kevin Costner made "Black or White" happen. In it, he plays Elliot, a recently widowed, alcoholic lawyer battling for custody of his mixed-race granddaughter, Eloise. His rival is Rowena (Octavia Spencer), Eloise's maternal grandmother. But the film doesn't pick sides.

"I just thought it was an honest story from the very first page. I felt like I was reading something really authentic," he says. Costner was so drawn to the script, written by his old "The Upside of Anger" filmmaker, Mike Binder, that he wound up paying for it. When no one else came round, he put up his own money — \$9

million of it.

"I was hoping other people would rush to the movie and see the same potential and value in it that I did, but unfortunately that didn't happen," he says.

Not that his character is right. Elliot's battles with Rowena betray his own prejudices. He thinks Eloise is already "living in one of the safest neighborhoods in L.A.," he boasts, and shouldn't move to the Rowena's part of the city.

"Racism doesn't have to be overt," he says. "This is where the veil of racism is lifted, when he thinks she wouldn't be safe in that 'other' neighborhood."

"But Elliot travels far in this movie and comes to understand himself better," he adds.

It was a bit of a parallel for Costner, who adds that examining those covert attitudes in a narrative made him feel "more empowered." "People say they're color-blind when they want to explain they are without prejudice. But to say you're color-blind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."

The tale may not have been epic enough for big Hollywood studios to take notice, but Costner hopes that audiences will at least be surprised by the film and the things it says. "It's a simple story about life," he says. "It doesn't solve anything. It's about the well-being of a child and what's best for the child and race shouldn't be rolled into those sorts of things."

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Jillian Estell plays the granddaughter of Kevin Costner in "Black or White." / TRACEY BENNETT

### Comeback

#### Back up front

Once upon a time Kevin Costner was the biggest movie star in the world. He was even, in the era of "Dances with Wolves" and "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," able to help turn a three-hour conspiracy theory movie about the JFK assassination (since basically disproven) into a box office behemoth. A few flops snipped his wings, and he's since rarely stepped into the spotlight. (One notable exception is 2007's enjoyably insane "Mr. Brooks.")

The last two years have seen him returning to the front of movies; last year



KEVIN COSTNER HAS FUN ROMANCING JOAN ALLEN IN "THE UPSIDE OF ANGER."

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he had the thriller "3 Days to Kill," as well as the inside baseball (or, in that case, football) drama "Draft Day." But Costner has also proven himself in the last decade as a winning supporting actor. Freed from being

in the spotlight, he's able to loosen up and fall back on his not always utilized goofy charm.

In fact, "Black or White" filmmaker Mike Binder exploited just that in 2005's "The Upside of Anger," in which he played the lady-killer who helps a boozing Joan Allen get over the death of her husband. In 2010's "The Company Men," he takes a huge amount of joy in busting the balls of Ben Affleck's fallen business shark. And last year he snuck in moments of wry hilarity as the mentor of Chris Pine in the origin story "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit." — MATT PRIGGE

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## Minis. Check out the nominees for the short film Oscars

**Live-action:** Traditionally, the live-action committee seems to like a particular type of short: an overly earnest, sad, banal mini-film that usually ends with a cheap twist. Only two here end with cheap rug-pulling: “Aya,” in which an Israeli woman (Sarah Adler) whimsically pretends to be the driver of a Danish music researcher (Ulrich Thomsen); and “Boogaloo and Graham,” a look at two kids living with the Troubles in Belfast.

Of the other three, “Parvaneh” offers night-on-the-town antics with a young Afghan immigrant in a Swiss city and a teen, while “The Phone Call” is a weepie about a suicide hotline center saved by the peerless professionalism of its two actors: Sally Hawkins and Jim Broadbent. There is an odd duck: “Butter Lamp,” a purely avant-garde



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comedy with a single camera set-up, watching as Tibetan nomads sit for pictures in front of fake backdrops. It offers people-watching along with cryptic commentary — a combo too singular for the Oscars to ignore.

**What will win (probably):** “The Phone Call” has genuinely great actors classing up a sad situation. **MATT PRIGGE**



The Canadian “Me and My Moulton” uses animation to explore memories. / ME AND MY MOULTON

**Animation:** This is a relatively off year, which is to say it's only sometimes wonderful. There are some eye-catching textures: characters tend to become part of their surroundings in “The Bigger Picture” (concerning an elderly mother's death) and “The Dam Keeper” (about a sad pig) is all smudgy colors. But both feel incomplete as narratives, as though more care went into the look than the content.

Even the bright spots never shine too bright. A two-minute quickie, “A Single Life,” expertly milks a gimmick, then gets out of there. Disney's “Feast,” shown in front of “Big

Hero 6,” cleverly portrays a break-up from the perspective of the dumpee's eternally ravenous mutt — though, this being Disney, of course it has a happy ending. The closest to a standout is the Canadian “Me and My Moulton,” a remembrance piece that uses animation to track the way memories work. If only more memoirists thought to use the medium — a more engaging form, in ways, than ye olde printed word.

**What will win (probably):** “The Dam Keeper” is just sappy enough to steal the trophy from the more entertaining/accomplished “Feast.”



The short “Butter Lamp” features people posing in front of fake backdrops, just like this. / BUTTER LAMP



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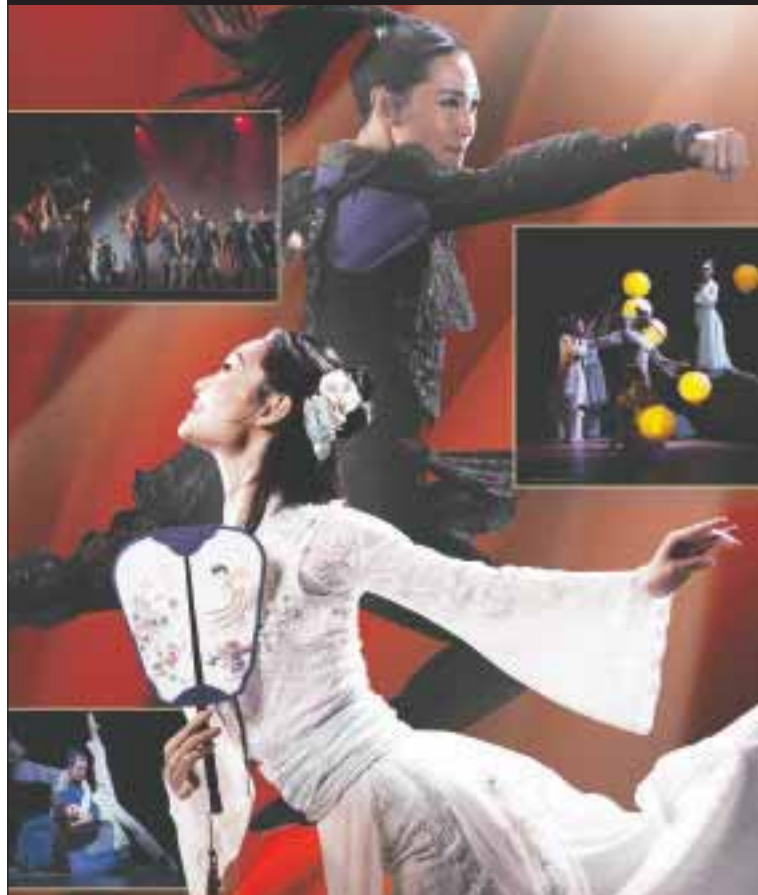
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## Drama. Kevin Costner drinks his way through messy race film 'Black or White'

Kevin Costner plays a recent widower trapped in a fierce custody battle over his mixed-race granddaughter (Jillian Estell), whose maternal grandmother (Octavia Spencer) thinks she should live with her, not in a rich Los Angeles neighborhood.

**The lowdown:** "Black or White" is one of the messiest films ever made, which is to say it's hard to knock down (or praise). It's a look at modern race relations, but one with few concrete ideas. It's a button-pusher that nonetheless lacks conviction — which, considering some of the things it half-says, is probably a good thing. It's a serious, occasionally melodramatic drama that also takes delight in Kevin Costner playing a

grieving but sometimes enjoyably pissed-off drunk. Its problems often also serve as saving graces.

To its credit, and despite the title, "Black or White" doesn't try to pick sides, and at its best it freely pokes holes in both Costner's and Spencer's characters' arguments. This could have been insufferable whitiesplaining, especially considering it's by writer-director Mike Binder, whose "The Mind of the Marrying Man" is one of the whitest things ever to play TV. Instead it's only somewhat that, always pulling its reckless punches right before they land.

Is that because Binder lost his nerve or came to his senses? Probably a little bit of both. That's not a bad thing. This isn't



Octavia Spencer and Kevin Costner star in Mike Binder's "Black or White."

TRACY BENNETT

another "Crash," and its comic side does subtract from its pomposity. It genuinely feels like Binder knows he's not making a statement but merely raising questions that don't have easy solutions. Then again, given how little the film says and the banality of its resolution, it probably never needed to exist at all. **MATT PRIGGE**

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Review

'Wild Card'

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A remake of the semi-forgotten, 1987 Burt Reynolds vehicle "Heat," this thriller/character study stars Jason Statham as a troubled enforcer hired as the bodyguard in Vegas.

**The lowdown:** At risk of overselling his bona fides, Statham is a real actor. His roles rarely call on him to speak, which is a shame, as he's a great, fun-filled jokester with an infectious, mischievous laugh. That "Wild Card" employs these traits at all is cause for celebration — and it's

almost enough to excuse its many foundational issues. This is a shaggy dog picture that never gets too serious; even the character closest to a main baddie, a cocky mafioso played by Milo Ventimiglia, is all bluster, just waiting to get his punchy comeuppance. But it's minor to the point of distraction. Still, "Card" can be charming. Written by William Goldman ("Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"), it's driven more by characters than beat downs, which it has trouble integrating into its story. Still, this is almost the kind of movie Statham should be making.

MATT PRIGGE



Jason Statham plays a badass-for-hire with a drinking and a gambling problem in "Wild Card." / LIONSGATE

Review

'Black or White'

Director: Mike Binder

Stars: Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer

Rating: PG-13

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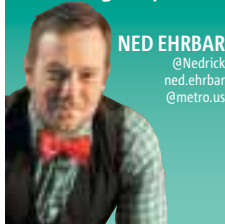
## Justin Bieber has a lot of feelings

A recent visit to "Ellen" apparently prompted Justin Bieber to take to Facebook to record a dimly lit confessional video detailing his personal insecurities about how he's come off over the past year. And he's just trying to be Justin, guys. "It's been a minute since I've been in a public appearance, and I didn't want to come off arrogant or conceited — basically how I've been acting the past year, year-and-a-half," he says of his interview with Ellen

DeGeneres. "I'm not what I was pretending to be. Why I say I was pretending is often we pretend to be something we're not as a cover up of what we're truly feeling inside. And there was a lot of feelings going on in there. ... Just being young and growing up in this business is hard. Just growing up in general is hard." If this is how he reacts to a sit-down with DeGeneres, maybe this whole Comedy Central roast thing isn't such a great idea.

## THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.



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## Black Sabbath bassist can't be tamed



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All the names in this story are just so perfect: The band? Black Sabbath. The band member? Geezer Butler. The location? Death Valley. Butler, 65, was arrested this week for getting into a bar fight in a saloon. According to a police statement, Butler was arrested for misdemeanor assault, public intoxication and vandalism at the Corkscrew Saloon and spent the night in jail to dry out. Keep on rocking.

## Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie eyeing yet another film project together

Apparently the one thing holding Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie back from trying to recapture that "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" on-screen magic was not actually being married, since now that they've tied the knot they can't seem to stop working

together. The pair spent their honeymoon filming the romantic drama "By the Sea," which Jolie also directed. Now Pitt is in talks to star in Jolie's next directorial effort, "Africa," according to The Wrap. I guess when she finds an actor she likes, she really sticks with him.



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### Daily video

## New Kanye West video is a triumph of not trying

Man, Kanye West is getting really good at wasting amazing resources, from collaborator Paul McCartney to video director Spike Jonze to his own talent. Take, for example, the video he just released for "Only One," co-written by McCartney. The song itself ruins a great melody with West's auto-tune-drenched vocals, and the video — ostensibly shot by an amazing director — could just have easily been done by Kim Kardashian holding a GoPro. It features low-resolution footage of West traipsing around on a rainy day with daughter North



The mediocre video is filled with cute moments like this. / KANYEWEST.COM

West. And while their interactions are sweet and genuine, the lack of effort in everything involved is distracting.

You can watch the whole video yourself at West's website, [www.kanyewest.com](http://www.kanyewest.com).

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**Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20** Don't let problems you encounter while traveling cause stress. Your health will suffer if you don't relax. Past acquaintances are likely to come back into your life.

**Aries | March 21-April 20** You will have to watch your budget closely. Don't buy expensive items from friends or acquaintances.

**Taurus | April 21-May 21** It will be hard to contain your feelings. Poor drivers will push you to the limit. Don't take your frustrations out on the ones you love.

**Gemini | May 22-June 20** You will need to examine your motives. Be sure that you are getting involved in new projects because you believe in them.

**Cancer | June 21-July 22** You can express yourself well at group functions. Don't be afraid to promote your beliefs. You will inspire the people you talk to. Take a position of leadership.

**Leo | July 23-Aug. 22** Be careful not to ruffle the feathers of the heavyweights at work. This is the time to work hard and be indispensable.

**Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22** Don't hesitate to join groups or get involved in social activities that include colleagues. Be around other people who can stimulate your creative imagination.

**Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22** You won't want to deal with other people's problems today, but it would be a good idea to do so if asked. Rewards can be yours.

**Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21** Social activities will be a must. Combine work with pleasure. Put your best foot forward. There is much you can accomplish.

**Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21** Put your efforts into money-making ventures. You can earn recognition at work. Be sure to talk to those in higher positions about your goals and directions.

**Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20** Take some time out to do things with children. They need your love and support more than you think. **EUGENIA LAST**

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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## Crossword

## Across

- 1 Chess win
- 5 Ladybug's lunch
- 10 Bistro
- 14 Fe, commonly
- 15 Allay, as thirst
- 16 Almond-shaped
- 17 Wind-driven spray
- 18 Late- —
- 19 Zoo staffers
- 20 Toll roads
- 22 Laconic
- 23 Peace offerings
- 24 Give the bum's rush
- 26 Apple peeler
- 29 Open, in a way
- 33 Love madly
- 34 Abbot's underling
- 35 Dash off
- 36 Ceilings
- 37 Emblems
- 38 Fashion
- 39 Aloha token
- 40 Become edible
- 41 Wore the crown
- 42 Tanning salon purchases
- 44 Abrasive mineral
- 45 Crow's-nest cry
- 46 Zodiac animal
- 48 Fishtails
- 51 Rhyming lines
- 55 Guardian's charge
- 56 Ends of the Earth

## Down

- 1 Atomizer output
- 2 Triumphal edifice
- 3 Barnstorm
- 4 Software buyers (2 wds.)
- 5 Musician's org.
- 6 Gimmicks
- 7 Bad actors
- 8 DDE
- 9 Van — Waals force
- 10 Begrudges
- 11 Swear to
- 12 Diet no-nos
- 13 Otherwise
- 21 Became frayed
- 22 Autocrat of yore
- 24 Scallion
- 25 Foreign visitors?
- 26 Gets boring
- 27 Farewell
- 28 "The Kiss" sculptor
- 29 Sudden impulses
- 30 Oar pin

## 31 Comforter

- stuffing
- 32 Hard up
- 34 Orange flower
- 37 Airport vehicle
- 38 Muttering
- 40 Stadium noise
- 41 Enjoy, as benefits
- 43 Aberdeen boy
- 46 Sorority members
- 47 Crafty moves
- 48 Pirate's booty
- 49 Leafy vegetable
- 50 Persia, today
- 51 Oversatisfy
- 52 Two to two
- 53 Rhett's hangout
- 54 Six-sided crystals
- 56 Soup ingredient
- 57 Poet's eye

## Thursday's answer



## Letters to the editor

## Beauty's only skin deep

**Re: 'From farm to beauty cabinet' (Metro, Jan. 29)** Sheesh. First of all, ingredients used in everything from Coca-Cola to gummy bears are used in the car industry and people have been ingesting them for years upon years and live to tell the tale. Secondly, I'm sorry that your stepfather has cancer but what does that have to do with natural makeup? I somehow doubt he got cancer from wearing "processed" makeup. We live in a world full of semis and school buses blasting black exhaust fumes; where people burn plastic, waste and each other for Christ's sake. And lastly, I must say — your anti-aging obsession sad-

dens me and truly makes me feel bad for you and people like you. Why not spend five years working with a biologist and chemist to develop a cure for a disease? People who think they need anti-aging this and that, "natural" botox, a \$55 resurfacing mask are just horribly sad and insecure adults. To piss and moan and spend all this time that could be used on something meaningful on worrying about your wrinkles and wanting to "plump your fat cells" is honestly pathetic. Why not feature speakers, philanthropists, people who contribute in a positive and meaningful way to the world. **JENN MATRONE-CLARK, VIA EMAIL**

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## SPORTS



Super Bowl XLIX

### Patriots the victim of shady activity

Had this happened to the Seahawks, the conspiracy theorists and anti-Patriots brigade would be out in full force. The fire alarm at the Patriots' team hotel, the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, Arizona, went off for the second time this week early in the morning on Thursday. The Patriots maintained that the early wakeup calls weren't a distraction. "I haven't heard it," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady told ESPN. "Must be sleeping through it, so that's good. I slept great."

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# Storylines to watch in Super Bowl XLIX

**Super Bowl XLIX.** It's a clash of former champions in the desert as the Patriots square off against the defending champion Seahawks.

The Patriots and Seahawks share a remarkably similar history heading into their Super Bowl showdown in Glendale, Arizona, this Sunday (6:30 p.m., NBC).

Both teams are coached by men who didn't succeed in the NFL on their first head coaching try, as Pete Carroll failed with the Jets and Patriots, and Bill Belichick failed with the Browns. Both teams are led by quarterbacks who have been doubted and doubted again, as Russell Wilson was thought of as too short to succeed in the NFL and Tom Brady

was thought of as an NFL backup at best upon entering the league 15 years ago. Both teams have a bad boy image, as the Seahawks have had multiple PED issues under Carroll's watch and Belichick has had multiple "Gates" occur under his guidance.

But more than anything else, once you cut through all the off-field drama, the Seahawks and Patriots are both champions. Seattle is looking for its second title in a row. New England is looking for its fourth in the Brady/Belichick era.

Controversies aside, Sunday's football game should be special. The undisputed best two teams in the NFL in the 2014 season will be locking horns for the right to hoist the Lombardi Trophy one more time.



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## Beast in the Bowl

Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch followed up Tuesday's "I'm here so I don't get fined" speech with the simpler "You know why I'm here" response when questioned by the media on Wednesday. It's possible that Lynch knows something we don't.

Lynch could very well be in Arizona to win the Super Bowl MVP award, a prize that surprisingly hasn't been won by a running back since 1998 when Denver's Terrell Davis was the best player on football's grandest stage.

Lynch would certainly have been

named NFC Championship Game MVP if there was such a thing as he ripped off 157 yards on 25 carries and found the end zone once in Seattle's unreal

28-22 OT win over Green Bay a couple weeks back.

Meanwhile, the Patriots have given up big yardage on the ground this season in certain games.



MARSHAWN LYNCH  
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The Chiefs ran wild on New England in that famed Week 4 Monday night Kansas City blow-out win, and Baltimore's Justin Forsett dashed for 129 yards on 24 carries in the Pats' narrow 35-31 win over the Ravens in the AFC's Divisional round.

## The great unknown

The Pats are like that MLB playoff team that gets hot in October and has a different player in the lineup step up in each night's victory. Look at the Pats' last Super Bowl win. Deion Branch, not Brady, was the

game's MVP. Getting back to more recent events, running back LaGarrette Blount was the clear standout for the Pats in the AFC Championship Game and slot receiver Danny Amendola broke out of his season-long slump in the Divisional round against Baltimore, catching five balls for 81 yards while scoring two touchdowns.

The Pats, however, may be due for a defensive hero to step up in the Super Bowl. In New England's first Super Bowl victory in the 2001 season, it was cornerback Ty Law who picked off Kurt Warner and returned it 47 yards for a touchdown. If you're a fan of football lineage there's this: Current Pats cornerback Darrelle Revis is, like Law, from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. And not coincidentally, they both wear No. 24.



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## Super Bowl predictions

Metro picks the winners for Super Bowl XLIX:

- **Matt Burke:** Pats 24, Seahawks 20 — For the first time, the Patriots have a healthy Rob Gronkowski in the Super Bowl. He continues to dominate.
- **Evan Macy:** Seahawks 20, Pats 14 — The Seattle run defense will make the Pats one-dimensional and the Seahawks' secondary will do the rest.
- **Kristian Dyer:** Pats 23, Seahawks 19 — The Patriots have one of the best red-zone defenses in the NFL. They should be able to hold the Seahawks to field goals.

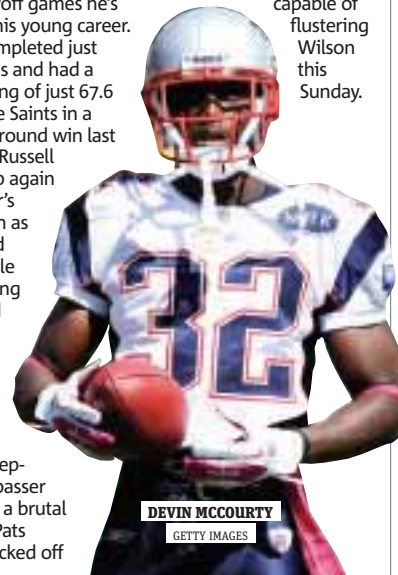


## Muscle Russell

Russell Wilson already owns a tag for being a clutch performer, given his run to a Super Bowl title last year and how he's gotten Seattle back to the big game this season. But Wilson has been downright bad in several of the playoff games he's played in his young career. Wilson completed just nine passes and had a passer rating of just 67.6 against the Saints in a Divisional round win last year. Ugly Russell showed up again in this year's postseason as he finished the NFC title game having completed just 14-of-29 for 209 yards, one touchdown and four interceptions. His passer rating was a brutal 44.3. The Pats defense picked off

Andrew Luck twice in the AFC title game and forced him to have a 23.0 passer rating. Joe Flacco played great in the Divisional round against New England, but Devin McCourty and Duron Harmon each intercepted the Baltimore signal caller. New England is more than

capable of flustering Wilson this Sunday.



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# Super Bowl betting guide

Breaking down the best bets, the wackiest bets and the most interesting ways to gamble your money on Super Sunday — recreationally speaking, of course. **EVAN MACY**

A wise man once said, "Money won is twice as sweet as money earned." That man would probably have a lot of money at stake this weekend.

According to Wallethub.com, more than \$115 million is expected to be wagered on the big game.

You can bet on who wins Super Bowl XLIX. You can bet on the over/under (the number is 47.5 points) and you can

bet on the point spread, which happens to be close to even this year.

But with 100 million people expected to watch the big game this year, perhaps a little zaniness is required to keep everyone interested.

Here's a look at some of the typical and not so typical bets you should, or shouldn't make while the Patriots and Seahawks battle for a Super Bowl title Sunday night.

## Over/under 47.5 points

How can you not take the under here? The Seahawks allow less than 20 points per game and the Pats aren't far behind. This game could be

# 47.5

a battle in the trenches. **The pick:** Less than 47.5 points will be scored.



Tom Brady and Russell Wilson share an 11-year age difference.

## Seahawks (+1)

Somehow, the odds have been stacked in the Patriots' favor (though by a slim margin). The Pats have been distracted for two weeks by Deflate-gate antics — how can they not be. And the Seahawks' defense could be among the best ever.

Though injuries on

Seattle's defense will be a big factor, if they can stop the Pats' run game and turn them one dimensional they'll give Tom Brady fits. **The pick:** Legion of Boom prevails.

# +1



## Wilson vs. gasoline?

What will be higher, the national average for regular gas Monday in cents, (it was 203.8 cents Thursday) or Russell Wilson's passing yards. In 18 games, Wilson eclipsed 203 yards just eight times. **The pick:** Seattle likes to run, we'll go gas.

# 203

## The anthem

Bovada.com handicaps Idina Menzel's chances at omitting at least one word. But we'll go with the time of the anthem. **The pick:** Over 2:01

# 2:01

## Katy vs. Gisele

Katy Perry be mentioned more in the first half than Gisele Bundchen? The over/under is 2. **The pick:** Katy Perry

# 2

## Bill Belichick's hoodie

The obvious choice here is gray. But this wager could be more in the locker room attendant's hands than those of the brilliant head coach. It seems pretty obvious he doesn't care what he wears during a game —

so it's a toss-up. The odds: Gray -120, Blue even, Red +750. **The pick:** Gray.



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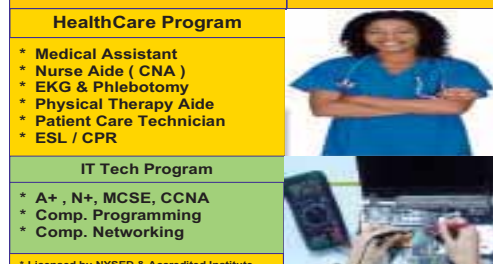
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